



Electric Board MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 25, 2012

The Electric Board convened in a regular meeting on July 25, 2012 at the One Texas Center building, 505 Barton Springs Road, 3rd Floor Conference Room 300, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Randy Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Randy Pomikahl, Robert Schmidt, Peggy Simpson, Ronny Williams, Chris Wagner, Tasha McCarter. Board Member Randy Walden was absent.

Staff in Attendance: Dan McNabb, Carl Thompson, Julie Kirby, Leon Barba, Marvin Pace, Joe Ramirez, Tony Hernandez, JB Meier, and Florin Vasile.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of January 25, 2012 were approved on Board Member Chris Wagner's motion and Board Member Ronny William's second on a 6-0 vote.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Discussion of proposed TDLR rule change concerning on site supervision.**

There is lack of state enforcement and a discrepancy of supervision for on-site work. One journeyman, doesn't have to be a master, should be in subdivision to supervise apprentices.
 - b. **Discussion of TDLR's interpretation of Solar Contractors with respect to being licensed as electrical contractors.**

The Board would like Austin Energy to add a requirement that a Licensed Master Electrician must pull electric permits and install solar systems.
 - c. **Discussion of Austin Energy criteria manual.**

The Board discussed:

 - New change that owners/citizens will now have to purchase metering equipment.
 - The manual currently conflicts with the adopted NEC code, and needs to be changed.
 - Building Inspectors inspecting AE equipment.
 - Plan Review wants AE to approve deviations from the criteria manual in writing.
 - Staff will meet with AE David Wood, to correct conflicts and processes.
 - Staff suggests AE staff review plans for AE service and solar systems.
 - d. **Update on Special Permit for service work.**

The Board may encourage City Council to support 2 new FTEs for the Electric Special Inspection Program, which was approved by ordinance.
4. **STAFF UPDATE:**
 - a. 2012 code adoption timeline handout.
 - b. Staff will not create a Code Interpretation for "subcontractor", because it is defined in the electric code, and the state should enforce their license law.
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on suggested changes to draft Austin Energy Design Criteria Manual.
 - b. Discuss Code Compliance enforcement of unlicensed or unregistered electrical contractors.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ronny Williams and seconded by Randy Pomikahl for a vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.